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## DESAI SELECTED AS ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Hiren Desai, executive director of the Office for Legal Services for Finance and Technology in the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet, will serve as associate commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Education's (KDE's) Office of Internal Administration and Support.

"Hiren will be an excellent addition to this agency's staff," said Education Commissioner Terry Holliday. "His background, especially his earlier work with KDE, will serve him and us well as we deal with the state's tight budget issues."

Desai's job duties will include oversight of four divisions within the office: Budgets; Financial and Materials Management; Administrative Services; and Human Resources. The work of these divisions is centered around KDE's operations as a state agency and includes developing the agency's operating budget, managing purchasing, employee relations and mail services.

Desai earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Kentucky College of Business and a juris doctorate from the UK College of Law.

Along with his most recent position, Desai's previous work experience includes acting executive director for the Office of Procurement Services for the Finance and Administration Cabinet; director of the KDE Division of Financial Management; attorney and chief ethics officer for the Finance and Administration Cabinet; and assistant director of the Division of Asset Management in the Governor's Office for Technology.

Desai is a resident of Lexington. He began his new duties on September 1, and his salary has been set at \$109,410.

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